

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 29, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 3059 - HB 2979**

This bill, if enacted, will allow the Historical Commission to do the following:

1. apply for federal funds available to restore or maintain cemeteries;
2. consult with and advise on matters pertaining to cemeteries;
3. develop an application form to be used by county historians and private individuals;
4. evaluate all applications received by county historians and private individuals;
5. develop standards of evaluation of cemeteries meriting financial assistance;
6. estimate the cost of the proposed restoration or maintenance;
7. recommend to the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance cemeteries that merit financial assistance; and
8. recommend to the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance the amount of financial assistance required.

The Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance is authorized by the bill to enter into and enforce contracts and agreements with counties and municipalities in order to restore or maintain approved cemeteries.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$13,100 and a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$69,650 to the Historical Commission

and to the Department of Commerce and Insurance to carry out the provisions of the bill. Details are shown below:

Historical Commission

Historic Preservation Specialist	\$18,000	
Benefits	4,300	
Travel	5,000	
Communications	600	
Rent & Insurance	2,100	
Supplies & Equipment (one-time)	<u>8,600</u>	\$38,600

Department of Commerce and Insurance

Burial Services Specialist	25,000	
Benefits	6,000	
Rent	650	
Travel	8,000	
Computers (one-time)	2,500	
Furniture (one-time)	<u>2,000</u>	<u>44,150</u>

Total Increase in State Expenditures **\$ 82,750**

Further, it is estimated that enactment of the bill will result in an increase in federal revenues to the extent the Historical Commission applies for and accepts federal funds *made available to restore and maintain cemeteries*. The amount of such increase in funds cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant. (NOTE: For informational purposes, there are 75,000 cemeteries in Tennessee)

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director